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## UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Under Small Entity Status  
(New Nonprovisional Applications Under 37 CFR § 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.

**AB-131U**

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is the patent application of ( ) application identifier or (X) first named inventor, Michael A. Faltys, entitled High Contact Count, Sub-miniature, Fully Implantable Cochlear Prosthesis, for a(n):

(X) Original Patent Application.

( ) Continuing Application (prior application not abandoned):

( ) Continuation ( ) Divisional ( ) Continuation-in-part (CIP)  
of prior Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

Enclosed are:

(X) Application Data Sheet 2 Total Sheet(s).

( ) Request and Certification for Non-Publication \_\_\_\_\_ Total Sheet(s).

(X) Specification; 27 Total Pages + cover sheet.(X) Drawing(s); 0 Total Sheets of formal drawings + 6 Total Sheets of informal drawings.

(X) Oath or Declaration:

(X) A New Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney:

( ) Signed.

(X) Unsigned.

( ) Partially Signed.

( ) A Copy from a Prior Application for Continuation/Divisional (37 CFR § 1.63(d)).

( ) Incorporation by Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

( ) Signed Statement Deleting Inventor(s) Named in the Prior Application. (37 CFR § 163(d)(2)).

(X) Return Receipt Postcard.

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FOR	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	32	12	\$9.00	\$108.00
Independent Claims	4	1	\$40.00	\$40.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee (if applicable)				\$0.00
Assignment Recording Fee (if applicable)				\$0.00
Basic Filing Fee				\$355.00
Total Filing Fee				\$503.00

(X) Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

As this application is being filed with missing parts, **do not charge any fees at this time**. All filing fees, including surcharge, will be paid when the missing parts for the application are submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

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